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ORIGIN OF THE TERM GREEN THUMB

Perhaps no one can be sure of its true source, but we want to pass along a plausible story concerning the expression *green thumb.* As all gardeners know, clay pots in which plants are growing often develop a fuzz of green algae on the outside of the pots. Persons handling the pots naturally get their fingers stained from the chlorophyll of the crushed algae. Why only the thumbs should be remembered and the fingers forgotten, however green they may be, remains unanswered. Perhaps the moral is to work with plants often and develop a pair of green thumbs of your own. This is the time of year to tint your thumbs a verdant hue by assembling a collection of house plants to cherish throughout the winter months ahead.

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ORIGIN OF THE TERM GREEN THUMB

Perhaps no one can be sure of its true source, but we want to pass along a plausible story concerning the expression *green thumb.* As all gardeners know, clay pots in which plants are growing often develop a fuzz of green algae on the outside of the pots. Persons handling the pots naturally get their fingers stained from the chlorophyll of the crushed algae. Why only the thumbs should be remembered and the fingers forgotten, however green they may be, remains unanswered. Perhaps the moral is to work with plants often and develop a pair of green thumbs of your own. This is the time of year to tint your thumbs a verdant hue by assembling a collection of house plants to cherish throughout the winter months ahead.

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